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# College Heights Herald

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Western Kentucky University  
Bowling Green, Kentucky

By TOM EBLEN

## Some convinced too many receive honor distinction

More than one-fourth of Western's senior class was graduated with honors last spring—and some people think that's too many.

Since 1973, the number of students graduating with cum laude, magna cum laude or summa cum laude honor designations has almost doubled. The number has jumped from 16.7 per cent of the class of 1973 to last year's all-time high of 28.5 per cent.

As it now stands, honor designations for graduating seniors are:

—Summa cum laude, all students graduating with an overall grade-point average (GPA) of 3.8 or higher.

—Magna cum laude, 3.6 to 3.79.

—Cum laude, 3.3 to 3.59.

Academic Council decided too many students were graduating with honors, so in December 1975, an ad hoc committee of the council proposed a revision of the scale as follows:

—Summa cum laude, 3.9 or above.

—Magna cum laude, 3.7 to 3.89.

—Cum laude, 3.5 to 3.69.

### Analysis

When the proposal was sent to President Dero Downing for approval, he sent it back to the council, and it was passed on to the University Honors Committee for further study. The growing number of honor

students has also brought on a reexamination of what graduation honors are supposed to represent.

"We all work on motivation, whether it's for a raise in salary, or in the case of students, a pat on the back to let you know you did a good job," said Dr. Paul Corts, assistant dean of instruction and director of the University Honors Program.

"Honors are symbolic of a level of achievement," said Dr. Paul Wozniak, a sociology professor and member of the University Honors Committee. "Every organization has ways of honoring its members, medals in the military, for example. But if everyone gets it, it's not an honor."

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## Reactions vary to installation of refrigerators

By BILL WOLFE  
and MARY TOUGHER

Two weeks ago the Board of Regents approved the installation of refrigerators in each of the university's 2,600 dorm rooms by next semester, along with a \$21 increase in the dorm fee.

Some students approve, saying it will do away with the problem of renting refrigerators each semester.

Others, mainly those who own refrigerators or who do not want them, are not so pleased.

Christy Vogt, president of ASG, said that ASG reactions generally are favorable. She said that some students who own refrigerators have complained that they do not want to pay for another.

Vogt said ASG is working with the student affairs office to provide a refund for students who own refrigerators.

Horace Shrader, housing director, said no plans for such a refund have been made.

Mary Herde, a sophomore from Louisville, said she favors the plan because it will simplify matters for students who want refrigerators.

"I think they should have had this before," she said. "I think it should just be part of the room."

Mark Merimee, a sophomore from Owensboro, saw both advantages and disadvantages to the plan.

"It's good for those who don't have refrigerators," he said, "but what about those who already have their own?"

He noted that Pearce-Ford Tower, where he lives, has no kitchens above the 20th floor, and that it is inconvenient to store and cook food.

"I think it's more or less a waste of funds that could better be applied in other things," he said.

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### Agreeable views

The sudden change to spring-like conditions brought many students out of doors to enjoy the balmy weather. Senior Pearlina Vandier and junior Steve Taylor pause a moment in Smith Stadium to watch the sun set Wednesday.

Photo by Mark Lyons

## Woman in ROTC lives, breathes the Army

By SARA-LOIS KERRICK

In some respects, Sue Roma is your basic ROTC student.

She likes to have a good time, wants to be stationed in Puerto Rico or Hawaii and is trained in highway transportation, one of the Army's 13 programs.

But that's where the similarity ends.

She is the first woman to receive the Distinguished Military Student award at Western, the first and only woman in Western's flight-training program and a regular Army veteran.

She doesn't just like the Army; she lives and breathes it.

"I would rather be in the Army than be a civilian," said Roma, who has tried both. "I had more days off, more fun and more basic friends than as a civilian. In Germany I worked only four days at a time."

Although there are many benefits, the pay is meager for

*"It's just a way of life I happen to enjoy."*

—Sue Roma

enlisted men and women, according to Roma. She decided to go to college for officer training after her three-year hitch, making only about \$6,000 a year.

After graduation in December, she will be commissioned as a second lieutenant, and she expects to be one of a handful of female helicopter pilots in the country.

She said she enlisted because "I didn't have anything else better to do. I was working at odd jobs for about a year. It took me a year to decide, but at the time it was exciting and it was a challenge."

Roma enlisted in the Vietnam war era before the "new Army" emerged.

"I came in when we still blacked our boots. It's changed a lot. The 'new Army' has advantages, and it has disadvantages. There are more disciplinary problems."

Roma was never stationed in Vietnam or trained for combat; however, she did list Vietnam on her "dream sheets."

"They call them dream sheets, because you're just dreaming. You'll never go there. I put down Vietnam because I had a lot of friends over there; some of them were nurses. And the pay was tax-free."

Instead, Roma was stationed for two years in Germany.

Being a woman hasn't hindered her career, Roma said.

"They let me do what I want to do. They expect me to do a job."

"Sure, you get remarks from people who are ignorant, but I don't mind; you just overlook those people."

"People look at you a little different in the community," Roma admitted. "I am just another person. It's just a way of life I happen to enjoy."

She grew up in a town about 45 minutes from West Point Military Academy, but she said she never gave the Army a second thought, except when "we used to go over there and harass the guys."

Now, she is sold on every aspect of the service, including women in combat.

"I think in the future there will be a need. We have this big moral front—keep them barefoot and pregnant," Roma said.

"I don't want to fight. But I think there would be a great many women who would volunteer," Roma said.

## Graduate student researches the legend

## Was Peter Zebich the strongest man in the world?

By BETSY ASHCRAFT

Peter Zebich has been called "the strongest man in the world."

"He could pull a locomotive with his teeth. He would take a 2-inch wide bar of steel, put it around his neck and twist it into a necktie," according to Barry Taerbaum.

Taerbaum is a graduate student in the intercultural and folk studies department who is studying the legends surrounding the Yugoslavian folk hero Peter Zebich. Western has awarded Taerbaum a \$250 grant to finance his research.

Zebich (pronounced ZEB-ick)

was born in 1877 in a part of Austria-Hungary that is now Yugoslavia. He came to America in 1910 and traveled around North America giving strong-man shows. His main audiences were Serbians and Croatians (two groups of Yugoslavian descent).

"Both the Croats and the Serbs claim Zebich. Actually, he was a Serb. Every ethnic group needs someone to look up to as their hero, and he (Zebich) was their folk hero," the Pennsylvania native said.

Taerbaum became interested in ethnic folk studies after he took an American folk legends class at Penn State, where he was graduated with a folklore degree.

He then began working in the Mon-Valley (an area near his home), "a place that's full of all types of ethnic groups—Italians, Serbs, Croats, etc."

"I was talking to an old Serbian man back in September 1975 and he began telling me about Zebich—I'll never forget what he said. He said, 'The strongest man I ever knowed, and I knowed 'em, was Peter Zebich. And I tell ya, he was,' " the 22-year-old researcher said.

## Intensive research

Taerbaum began doing intensive research on Zebich. He traveled to Pennsylvania "off and on" and taped narratives from more than 20 people who had seen Zebich perform his acts of strength. He talked to a Washington state man who had also seen Zebich.

The American Srbobran (a Serbian newspaper distributed world-wide) interviewed Taerbaum and later gave him a lot of information.

Taerbaum said the fact that he is not of Serbian or Croatian descent actually helped his research. "Those people I talked to got really excited when they found out an outsider was interested in Zebich. They went out of their way to be helpful to

me," Taerbaum said.

The graduate student said he began believing the legends when "20 people who didn't know each other told me the same things. It sounds like it couldn't be true, but it is," Taerbaum said.

Other feats Zebich allegedly performed included pulling a wagon loaded with people by his teeth, biting a piece of steel in half and allowing people to drive a bus over his chest.

However, Zebich was most famous for one particular act. "He would tie a horse to each of his elbows, then have two people whip the horses so they would try to run in opposite directions. However, Zebich would pull his elbows together and the horses couldn't move," Taerbaum said.

Taerbaum said the black-bearded, handlebar-moustachioed Zebich attracted both men and women to his shows. "The women came just to look at him."

Zebich later sold health tonics and settled in Cleveland, Ohio, where he died of a heart attack in 1947.

Taerbaum traveled to the Serbian National Federation in Pittsburgh where he found pictures of Zebich and his birth and death certificates. "Nobody I had previously talked to had any

pictures of Zebich," Taerbaum said.

"My point in gathering all this information was to compare his actual feats with his retold feats. My point is to show Peter Zebich was the strongest man in the world," Taerbaum said.

Taerbaum said the grant from Western "basically pays for my travel." He also is trying to get a grant from the Pennsylvania legislature for further research.

## Three papers published

Taerbaum has had three papers on Zebich published in the Kentucky Folklore Record. He also will present a paper on Zebich at the Pennsylvania Folklore Society April 2.

According to Taerbaum, he has already received an offer to write a book about Zebich. "Once I finish my thesis, I'll publish it," he said.

Taerbaum said different people offered various reasons for the tremendous strength of the 5-foot-11, 195-pound Zebich. "Some said his strength was due to heredity, some said it was because he worked out every day and some said it was divine-inspired."

"But the first thing anyone ever said was, 'He's the strongest man in the world.' "

## Few return visitation surveys

Only a few of the open house surveys distributed by the Interhall Council at the beginning of the semester were returned, according to Sharon Buchanan, director of residence hall programming.

The surveys were used by the dorm directors and hall presidents to decide the number and times of open houses this semester.

"You never get 100 per cent (of a survey) back...the percentages

are very, very low," Ms. Buchanan said.

She cited as examples Keen Hall, where only one-eighth of the surveys were turned in, and Potter Hall, which turned in one-fifth of its survey sheets.

Ms. Buchanan said that all the semester's open house dates did not have to be decided now. So far, Potter Hall has scheduled 10; Poland, Keen, Central and Gilbert have scheduled 11 and the other halls will each have 12, she said.

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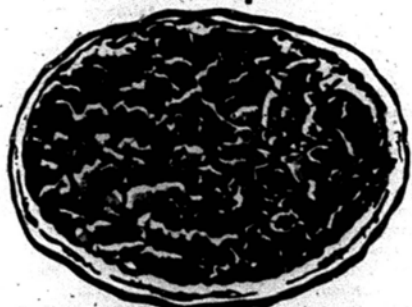
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# White student is out of black pageant

By PAM ELDRIDGE

A white student won't be in the Miss Black Western pageant because she missed the 7 p.m. entry deadline Monday, according to Mona Thomas, president of Alpha Kappa Alpha sorority, which sponsors the contest.

Thomas said Susan Wilk, a sophomore from Bowling Green, did not contact her until about 10 p.m., after the other contestants had attended their first meeting and practice session.

Wilk said she knew about the sorority's decision to let her enter the contest about 4 p.m. Monday, but she didn't know about the deadline and didn't have an opportunity to talk to Thomas

before 10 p.m.

"I don't think it was fair that she didn't try to get in touch with me."

Christy Vogt, Associated Student Government president, said she also tried to inform Wilk about the deadline but did not reach her until 8 p.m.

Wilk tried to enter the contest during the regular sign-up session, but she was refused by the sorority because she did not have a black heritage. However, the sorority voted Sunday night to allow Wilk to enter.

Wilk said she told Thomas that she (Wilk) didn't want to stir up trouble, but wanted to prove the contest was prejudiced. "It's almost like they're blinded to

what we're trying to do."

Vogt said that as an individual she thinks the contest is discriminatory, but added that her position as ASG president made it difficult for her to "act as an individual. I guess I shouldn't have done anything."

Charles Keown, dean of student affairs, said he talked with Wilk and Vogt and later with Thomas.

He said he told the sorority to go ahead with its plans as it had in the past. "I think the program is good. I told both groups I thought there was a genuine desire on the sponsors of National Black History Week to recognize their heritage."

## Student, professors to attend workshop

Three professors and a student from Western will travel to Natural Bridge State Park Thursday and Friday for a National Association for Foreign Student Affairs regional workshop.

Dr. Ronald Eckard and Robert Wurster of the English department, Dr. Carley Dodd of the communication and theater department and Raymond Lui, a graduate student, will meet with college personnel from Kentucky, Indiana and Ohio to learn about other cultures and discuss problems facing students who attend school in foreign countries.

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## Stress seminar begins today

"What You Have Always Wanted to Know About Stress But Were Too Anxious to Ask," a seminar on stress, will be from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Friday in the College of Education Building Auditorium.

The seminar's purpose is "to help people identify, confront and

## Night classes move from Cherry Hall

In compliance with energy conservation measures begun by Western Feb. 2, all night classes in Cherry Hall will be relocated in the fine arts center beginning next week, according to Dr. Carl Chelf, dean of the Bowling Green Community College. He said some night classes couldn't be relocated because they require certain equipment or facilities.

overcome stress in everyday experiences and develop skills for dealing with tension," according to Ray Biggerstaff Jr., assistant professor of health and safety.

Guest speakers will be Dr. Phillip Weiler, president of the Kentucky Public Health Association, and Dr. John A. Gergen, deputy commissioner for the Bureau for Health Services.

From 1 to 2:30 p.m., faculty members from the Department of Counselor Education will discuss group reaction to stress and developing skills in dealing with stress in others.

A reaction panel at 2:30 will feature Richard Walker, director of the Barren River Mental Health-Mental Retardation Board; Nina Ogles, president of the Barren River sub Area Advisory Council, Weiler and Gergen.

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## Opinion

# Refrigerator idea doesn't get warm welcome

The Board of Regents' recent decision to install refrigerators in each dorm room next fall may have been made with the warmest intentions, but it's leaving some students cold.

The regents voted to increase the housing fee next fall by \$21, from \$184 to \$205 for air-conditioned rooms and from \$172 to \$193 for rooms without air conditioning.

Refrigerator rental normally is \$20 per semester, \$10 per student if roommates share the cost. That, incidentally, is the amount the dorm fee will exceed the minimum \$11 increase proposed by Harry Largent, vice president for business affairs.

That suggests that each dorm resident next year will be paying \$10 per semester for a refrigerator that he may or may not want.

Campus residents appear willing to

accept an increase in dorm fees. University housing is losing money now, and fee increases probably are inevitable.

However, many students seem to resent being required to pay for a refrigerator—especially if they already own one. Others simply do not want a refrigerator.

Installing refrigerators in each of the rooms does have some advantages over the present system of optional rental.

Installation eliminates the hassle of refrigerator rental—filling out forms, paying deposits and struggling to carry the cumbersome contraption across campus from the distribution point.

It also solves some of the university's storage and distribution problems.

However, the advantages of the new plan do not justify forcing students to pay extra for refrigerators that some do not want or need.

Since at least 1,000 dorm rooms do not have university refrigerators now and there are still unrented refrigerators, it could be that many students do not want them. It seems strange that the university is willing to invest up to \$100,000 in something that only half the campus residents may actually want.

If the regents made their decision about the refrigerators in an honest attempt to improve dorm life, they should be commended. However, they should consider revising their decision. If they still decide to install refrigerators, they should, at least, work out some provisions for students who already own them.



## Letters to the editor

The following letter criticizing the public safety department was received by the Herald last week. Because of the nature of the accusations, Marcus Wallace, public safety director, was given a chance to reply. Both letters appear below.

### Criticizes police inaction

Right after the Thanksgiving holiday, I discovered that a sizable amount of money had been stolen from my room. The house director was told and she contacted the Department of Public Safety immediately.

An officer arrived and searched the room and then took the box from which the money had been taken. Officers dusted for fingerprints and I was later informed that the fingerprints were of no use. The next day someone from the public safety department gave me instructions on how to handle the matter.

That was Dec. 9. Any further action from the so-called public safety department is an impossible dream. Believe it or not, they had a suspect and after ONE phone call, the investigator (I hesitate to use the term) gave up.

Since then I have phoned four times. Each time the investigator was ill and no one else could help me. I know for a fact that this particular person is back on the job now, but I have received no word.

I left my home phone number under the

assumption that I would be informed of any developments over Christmas vacation. Needless to say, I received no call.

I decided that if anyone was going to take action, it would have to be me. I called the Bowling Green City Police. They informed me that the security on campus would have to handle the case and they could not interfere.

It has been almost two months. Every time I pass the Department of Public Safety building, I get sick to my stomach—sick over the loss of so much money and even sicker over the inaction. But the next time something of mine is stolen, I won't waste my time with them. They're too busy writing parking tickets and towing cars to worry about a mere \$200.

It's no wonder some people take the law into their own hands. I can see the officer now, tossing the Herald in the trash can. The truth hurts, doesn't it?

Tracy Miller, freshman

### Responds to criticism

I appreciate the opportunity to acknowledge Miss Tracy Miller's expression of disappointment about our investigation of the theft of money from her between Nov. 24 and Dec. 8.

She named another student as a

possible suspect. While we are not at liberty to comment very specifically on the results of our investigation, early efforts to locate the suspect were unsuccessful. After the holidays, it was learned that the suspect had not reregistered. An off-campus address has been developed. Efforts to establish contact have been unproductive but continue.

I regret our failure to keep Miss Miller informed of our continuing efforts and interest. We neglected her. The fault is ours. Normally we are back in touch with victims of crime at regular intervals.

This practice is earning the confidence of campus citizens as the number of larcenies reported to us has grown from a monthly average of 28 two years ago to a current monthly average of 57. We think the increase does not so much reflect an increase in crime as it does an increase in confidence reposed in us.

We currently average eight arrests per month. This is not many, but we do not try to build a record of police efficiency as much as we try to handle cases well. Miss Miller's case demonstrates we are not always successful.

Truth is good. We pledge a redoubling of efforts to improve our service and how the quality of that service is perceived by citizens. It is our privilege to serve through professional law enforcement.

Marc Wallace, director  
Department of Public Safety

but she was required to be present at a 7 p.m. meeting. I was unable to inform Ms. Wilk of their decision before 7 and because of that Ms. Wilk cannot be in the pageant.

I am only trying to point out to this university that discrimination exists on this state-funded campus in several areas. And because of funding, I do not believe that we are able to discriminate on the basis of sex, race, etc.

Only if Associated Student Government chooses to become involved, and not until, should they be associated with my independent actions.

Christy Vogt, senior  
ASG president

### Commends project's goals

What is National Black Month? I had taken the time to ask some of my good friends and their response to my question not only left me with a warm feeling in this very cold winter, but also made me proud to be an American.

National Black Month is the participation of black Americans all over the country who engage in activities which raise funds for underprivileged black families in the United States and most foreign countries.

This money is spent on food, clothing, research for diseases which are primarily found in a black heritage and a higher level of education. It simply is a way to show the black people that someone is caring and will continue to care.

Why Christy Vogt would run for Miss Black Western, I do not know. I can see Miss Wilk running because some people are just that way!

Perhaps she might want to run for Miss ASG.

Bill Klesling, senior

### Denies ASG involvement

It is very difficult sometimes in my position to act as an individual, and therefore I am offering some clarification concerning my involvement in the Miss Black Western pageant.

In an article which appeared in the Herald's previous issue, my attempt to enter the pageant was inaccurately connected with Associated Student Government. I acted solely as an individual trying to bring focus to what I believe to be discrimination.

After myself and Susan Wilk were denied entry on Jan. 24, I was informed by the sponsoring organization of the pageant at 3 p.m. on Feb. 7 that they had voted to let Ms. Wilk enter the pageant,

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# Black heritage

## Pageant will begin history week activities

A beauty pageant, concerts, lectures, a film and an art exhibit have been planned for February in recognition of National Black Month.

Events for Black History Week here are:

Feb. 19

Miss Black Western will be named at 7 p.m. in Garrett Conference Center Ballroom. The event is sponsored by Alpha Kappa Alpha sorority.

Feb. 20

There will be a free gospel concert at 3 p.m. in Van Meter

## Registrar to notify students not on rolls

The registrar's office is notifying students whose names do not appear on the rolls of classes they have been attending. These students are encouraged to check with the registrar to make sure they are registered.

## What's happening

### Valentine's dance

Veterans on Campus will sponsor a Valentine's dance at the American Legion Hall from 8 p.m. until midnight Saturday. VOC members and dates will be admitted free. The dance is open to the public.

### Valentine tea

The National Collegiate Association of Secretaries will sponsor a tea for members from 2 to 4 p.m. Monday in Grise-Hall, fifth floor.

### Public relations meeting

The Public Relations Student Society of America (PRSSA) will meet at 8:45 p.m. Monday in the university center, room 305.

Auditorium. Benny Cummings and The King's Temple Choir, the Amazing Tones of Joy and Grace will be featured at the Associated Student Government-sponsored event.

Feb. 21

Howard Bailey, assistant dean of student affairs, will conduct an informal discussion about "The Black Student at Western." The discussion will be at 3 p.m. in the university center, room 305.

Feb. 22

Donald Bogle, author of "Toms, Coons, Mulattoes, Mammies and Bucks," will present a lecture with slides on the "History of Blacks in American Films" at 8 p.m. in Van Meter. ASG is sponsoring the free event.

Feb. 23

A film, "Bill Cosby on Prejudice," will be shown at 1 and 3 p.m. in the university center, room 305. The film is free.

Feb. 24

The Duke Ellington Orchestra, conducted by Duke Ellington's brother Mercer, will perform at 7:30 p.m. in Van Meter. Tickets are \$1 in advance and \$1.50 at the door. Sponsor of the concert is the University Center Board.

Feb. 21-March 4

An art exhibit will be placed in the third-floor reading room of the university center. Featured artists for the two-week exhibit will be Audrey Johnson, Lisa Owens and Cheryl Tyler, all Western students.

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## 'Barber' parts with tradition

By TERESA MEARS

Those expecting to see traditional grand opera on Van Meter stage Tuesday night probably were surprised.

Western's production of Rossini's "The Barber of Seville" is a different interpretation of the work.

The costumes are white pants, tennis shoes and stenciled T-shirts. The set consists of white stairs, balconies and a few pieces of furniture. The slides flashed on screens are something the composer couldn't even have imagined in 1816 when he wrote the opera.

Ah, but the music is still the same. The music is captivating, lyrical and sung in English. The cast members all manage to do it sufficient justice. And when Steve Chambers sings, the voice that comes from his slight frame can fill Van Meter Auditorium.

Let's imagine an insufferably stuffy old work, be assured that "The Barber" is anything

but stuffy. It is opera buffa, comic opera, and comic is what it is.

Count Almaviva (Chambers, a senior performing arts major from Hartford) wants to win the hand of the lovely Rosina (Emily Tate, a junior music major from Bowling Green), but Rosina's guardian Dr. Bartolo (William Keith, a nonstudent) wants to marry his lovely ward himself.

### Theater review

Almaviva engages the match-making services of the barber Figaro (David Gibson, a graduate student from Valley Station) with a little gold and silver persuasion, and they plot to get Almaviva into the house to speak to Rosina.

Almaviva disguises himself as a student, a drunken soldier and a music teacher to get inside, but the crusty Dr. Bartolo foiled every plot.

Finally, Almaviva and Figaro climb to Rosina's balcony to take

her away, only to discover that they don't have a ladder to stand on.

Dr. Bartolo is aided in his conniving by Don Basilio (Michael Dunn, a senior music major from Bowling Green), an avaricious music teacher with a nose that would put Pinocchio to shame.

Rossini's work is updated by two video screens, a corp of Keystone cops and several references to "supercalifragilisticexpialidocious."

Some of the comic devices are contrived, guaranteed to get a cheap laugh, but they're not unwelcome. Although the opera purist may have been appalled, they were probably appropriate for this audience.

As is often the case with sung dialogue, it's impossible to understand all the words, but the plot is simple enough to follow.

The production's final performance is tonight. Admission is \$2 and tickets are available at Russell Miller Theatre box office until 2 p.m., or at the door.

The opera was adapted and directed by Dr. Virgil Hale, associate professor of music, and staged by Dr. William Leonard, associate professor of communication and theater. The orchestra is conducted by Dr. Benjamin Woodruff, assistant professor of music.

Rossini may be rolling over in his grave, but he's probably rolling with laughter.

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## Gallery show opens Tuesday

A new show will be presented in the Gallery on the second floor of the fine arts center from Tuesday until March 3.

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Flannagan, who died in 1942, brought a feeling of the primitive

to American art by his use of simple designs in his carving.

New Gallery hours for the rest of the semester are:

Monday through Friday: 8:30 to 11 a.m. and noon until 4 p.m.  
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Sunday: 2 to 5 p.m.

## Display to open in minigallery

Among the display of sketches, watercolors and oil paintings by graduate student Larry Leech in the bookstore's minigallery series next week will be a pen-and-ink collage called "Foundations for the Future."

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Leech, originally from Owensboro, is getting his M.A. degree in public service administration.



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## Costumers for play spin their own yarn

The play may be the thing, but it's not anything without a total effort by many people behind the scenes. Some of Western's "people behind the scenes" work in the costume shop in room 307 of the fine arts center.

Most of the students who work in the costume shop receive credit for Rehearsal and Performance class or for Costume Construction, the first such class to be offered here.

The purpose of the Costume Construction class is to acquaint the students with the practical aspects of making costumes. Much of the class is devoted to learning simple stitches and terminology and learning exactly how to put together a costume for the stage.

Although much of the actual sewing is the same as that for any other clothing, costumes often are not as durable as ordinary apparel. Stage costumes are made to create a visual impact, and many of them could never be worn on the street.

The class has spent the last few weeks working on costumes for "The Barber of Seville." According to Dr. Jackson Kesler, who teaches the class, the simple costumes are an attempt to take the show out of the museum and onto the contemporary stage.



The members of the Costume Construction class listen to a lecture from Dr. Jackson Kesler, their instructor.



Dorothy Howard paints a character symbol on a T-shirt.



Head in hands, David Gaddy (above) draws stencils to be applied to T-shirts like the one David Gibson (left) wears as the "Barber of Seville." Each character in the production wears a T-shirt stenciled with a motif representing his character.



With a little paint and imagination, Mary Jo Kuhn turns tennis shoes to costumes.



Photos by Lynn B. Wright

# Off-campus youths damage student center

By DON BRUCE

Youths not connected with Western apparently damaged the two campus phones near Center Theater and ceiling tiles in the third floor men's restroom of the university center last Saturday night, according to Dave Gordon, staff assistant and theater manager.

Kenny Garrett, a student worker on the recreation floor, said youths also were responsible

for putting a live rat on one of the elevators that night.

There was a basketball game last Saturday, and "we have droves of kids in this place on basketball and concert nights," Gordon said.

"We have not had an awful lot of vandalism as a general rule," Gordon said. "Maybe we should expect to have a lot more."

The thing that Gordon said he has received the most complaints about is "general harassment—not often a thing that you can put your finger on."

The student workers phrased it more strongly.

"They drive us crazy. One night we thought there was going to be a gang fight—kids were

carrying sticks around," Mary Anne Loftus, a fourth floor worker, said.

"It's generally a rough bunch that comes up here. We've been cussed out more than once," Loftus, a Princeton junior, said.

Garrett, a Louisville freshman, and Andy Whisman, a graduate assistant, agreed. "I have, on occasion, thrown them out when they're rowdy," Whisman said.

According to Gordon and Ron Beck, university center director and assistant dean of student affairs, Western has no official policy concerning who may enter the university center, although only students, staff, faculty and their families may use its services.

"The university center staff feels obligated at this point to serve the kids—especially faculty children—because this is a public institution," Gordon said.

Beck said the staff allowed anyone in the university center "as long as they behaved. It's not something we're just letting go. I think we're dealing with it rather effectively."

"One of the things we're going to do is tighten up on the use of coin-operated games by people who don't have IDs. Part of the reason we have let that slide is revenue. It's a revenue-producing area for the university."

"But we're not going to let our desire for revenue get in the way," Beck said.



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Western's two greenhouses passed final inspection last Thursday and will be used immediately, according to Dr. Wilbert Normand, professor of agriculture.

Plants have not been placed in the greenhouses because the agriculture department is waiting to make sure the temperature settings are accurate.

The physical plant plans to build benches and partitions in the greenhouses sometime this semester, he said.

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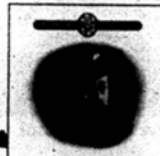
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# Pesky Tops to buzz Morehead, Eastern

By ROGER STINNETT

Those pesky Hilltoppers, they're like flies. You don't see them all winter, so you figure they're dead. Then, as soon as spring spreads, they're buzzing around again.

After half a dozen critical personnel complications (injuries, departures and ineligibility), after losing six of its first seven Ohio Valley Conference games, after suffering the embarrassment of falling from first in the league in 1976 to last midway through this season, Western is still trying to finish in fourth place, earning it a berth in the OVC postseason tournament.

The screen door that stands between the Toppers and the tournament is the string of five crucial conference games, four of them on the road, beginning this weekend when Western visits Morehead and Eastern.

Coach Jim Richards's swarm widened the hole in the screen with wins over East Tennessee and Tennessee Tech last weekend, giving Western a 3-6 OVC mark. Winning four of the five remaining league games would make the Tops 7-7, which Richards said could be good enough for fourth place. An 8-6 record would almost assure it, he said.

## OVC Standings

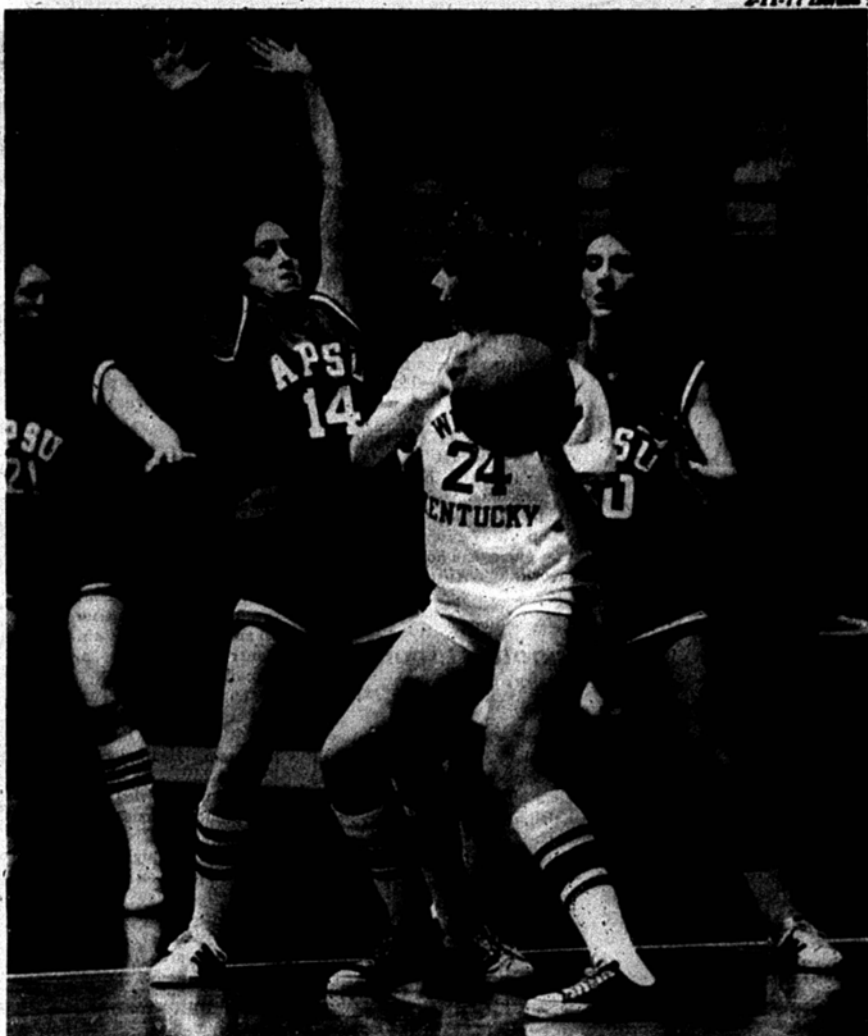
Austin Peay	8-1
Middle Tenn.	7-2
Murray	7-2
Morehead	5-4
East Tenn.	4-5
Western	3-6
Eastern	1-8
Tenn. Tech	1-8

Can Western, sixth in the conference in standings and scoring, seventh in defense, win five more?

"Possibly. You just never know," Richards said. "We're capable of doing it, but we're also still consistently behind as a team, as a unit.... We just can't do a lot of things that I'd like a team to do at this point of the year."

But the Tops are doing more than they've done all season. Transfer Aaron Bryant, who became eligible just last month, scored 38 points and grabbed 19 rebounds Monday night against Tech; James Johnson, who missed 10 games with a knee injury, scored 28 points Monday as a reserve; Lloyd Terry, now recovered from a series of sprained ankles, played only 47 minutes last weekend and scored 20 points; and Mike Prince, the freshman, scored 31 points last week.

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—Photo by Mark Lyons

Austin Peay guards Teena Brown and Brenda McFarlin try to defend against Pam Kordenbrock during Western's 79-48 win Tuesday night. Brown and McFarlin combined to score 20 points for the Lady Governors while Kordenbrock added 15 to Western's cause.

## Inexperienced tracksters to run in Mason-Dixon

By BRYAN ARMSTRONG

Western's young track team may age in a hurry tonight and tomorrow in the talent- and experience-laden Mason-Dixon Games in Louisville.

"This will grow 'em up in a hurry," track coach Del Hessel said. "We're very young."

Among the Mason-Dixon field will be such world-class performers as miler Filbert Bayi, shot-putter Terry Albritton and triple-jumper James Butts, silver medalist in the 1976 Olympics.

"They're almost all national or international caliber contenders," Hessel said. "It's a big incentive to run against these people. I don't think they're (the Toppers) scared," he added.

"Our athletes have a good mental temperance," Hessel said.

Western will be fielding some top-quality competitors of its own. Among those making the trip will be distance runners Dave Long and Chris Ridler, high jumper Chuck Durrant and sprinters Richard Hopkins and Donald Douglas.

"We feel strong in the relays and the high jump," Hessel said. "Durrant is looking very good."

Also entered in the meet are former Toppers Nick Rose, a distance runner, and shot-putter Jesse Stuart.

Rose will compete against

Long and Ridler in the 3,000-meter run. Former East Tennessee star Eddy Leddy also will be in the race.

According to Hessel, the big names will compete Saturday night. Collegians of a slightly lesser caliber will compete tonight and Saturday morning, something new to the Mason-Dixon Games.

Western's distance medley relay will be made up of half-miler Jim Willoughby, quarter-miler Donald Douglas, Joe Tinius, who will run three-quarters of a mile, and miler Richard Green.

On the mile relay squad will be Hopkins, Douglas, Tim Lawrence and Brad Williford.

Western distance runner Tony Staynings will be running in Toronto this weekend. He has raced in Baltimore, New York and Los Angeles this winter.

Members of the women's track team will face some tough competition this weekend at the Mason-Dixon Games, according to coach Carla Coffey.

Western will enter in three events: Kay Bush and Lisa Howlett will compete in the shot put; Anita Jones, Angie Bradley, Marsha Cole and Carol Meeker will compete in the sprint medley relay, and Vicki Holway and Jean Wagner are entered in the 3000-meter run.

## Women to face surprising UK, play last home game Monday

By JIM GROVE

Before the Kentucky Women's Intercollegiate Conference basketball season began, the coaches picked Eastern to win its sixth consecutive title.

However, things have changed.

Eastern got off to a bad start. The University of Kentucky (predicted to finish fourth) and Western (picked to take third) began to take charge.

And now, with just a couple of weeks left in the regular season, Western and UK find themselves with the best records in the state. The Lady Toppers are 18-3 overall, undefeated in the state. Kentucky is 13-5, with one state loss.

Tonight, one of those records will worsen as the two collide in UK's Memorial Coliseum.

Kentucky surprised the women's basketball watchers by upending nationally ranked Tennessee Tech this year. (Western and UK both had a chance to beat Tech later at Tech's Invitational. Instead,

Tech topped Western in the semifinals and gained revenge against Kentucky in the finals. The Tops and Cats did not meet in the tournament.)

But that doesn't mean they didn't watch each other.

"I've seen them four times," Western's coach Julia Ann Yeater said.

Western might be rated a favorite in tonight's game by virtue of its state record: Kentucky faltered against Louisville this season, while Western has beaten the Lady Cardinals twice.

"To me, UK has basically two players that stand head and shoulders above the rest," Ms. Yeater said. "Most of the offense is geared to getting it in to them."

The key for Kentucky is center Pam Browning, who has dismayed opponents all season by scoring 20 points per game.

"We have great respect for their (the Toppers') ability," Kentucky coach Debbie Yow said. "It certainly will give a better indication of what to

expect at state (the KWIC tournament in early March) but we don't look that far ahead."

Ms. Yow said that two of her starters, Debbie Mack and Terri Boyd, are out with pulled muscles. "It's hard to predict how much effect it will have," she said.

If Western needed a confidence builder for tonight's clash, it came Tuesday night with a 78-49 shellacking of Austin Peay. Peay, which brought only seven players because of team problems, never got untracked. After the score was tied at 10, Western responded with 16 straight points and Peay never recovered.

"Overall it was one of the best games all season," Ms. Yeater said. "I thought they were as good as I have seen."

Leading the way for Western was Brenda Chapman with 37. Donna Doellman and Pam Kordenbrock each had 15.

Western travels to Kentucky State tomorrow and returns for its last home game against Bellarmine at 6 p.m. Monday.



## Tops attempt comeback

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Improved or not, Western will face a strong team in Morehead. The Eagles, fourth in the league with a 5-4 record, boasts several impressive statistics. For instance:

—Herbie Stamper is leading the league in scoring (21 points) and free throw shooting (87 per cent). According to an OVC press release, he ranks in the top 50 in the country in those categories. And he shoots 50 per cent from the field.

—Morehead is 11th in free throw shooting in the nation with a 75 per cent average.

—Ted Hundley is fourth in the conference in rebounding with a 10 rebound average. He averages 16 points, ninth best in the league, and averages almost 50 per cent from the field and 73 per cent from the charity stripe.

And Western should remember Andre Jones, who scored 22 points against the Tops last month while Western was concentrating on Stamper and Hundley. Morehead won that game, 81-65.

Besides, Richards said, Morehead is very good at home. In 20 years, the Eagles have won three-fourths of their games in Wetherby Gymnasium.

Two nights later, Western visits Eastern, a team that has plenty of talent, which is not obvious by its last-place, 1-8 OVC record. For example:

—Freshman Dave Bootcheck

is second in the OVC in rebounding (11 per) and third in scoring (30 points). He also ranks in the top 10 in shooting percentages.

—Mike Oliver is first in the conference and 11th in the nation with an 12.2 rebound average.

—Kenny Elliott is fourth in the conference with an 18-point average and has hit 80 per cent from the free throw line. When Western beat Eastern 93-82 last month, Elliott scored 22 points in 23 minutes.

Things will get no easier for Western even if it gets past Morehead and Eastern. The Toppers must visit Murray and Middle Tennessee—now tied for second with 7-2 records. Between those games is a home game with league-leader Austin Peay. It's a fly's life.

## Shooters to compete in NRA tournament

Western's riflery team will compete in the National Rifle Association (NRA) International Shooting Union this weekend in Raleigh, N.C.

The University of Georgia, North Carolina University and Appalachian State also will compete.

Scores from the match will be submitted to the NRA for determining All-American honors.



Photo by Bob Coffey

Kathy Lukins practices for the women swim club's first match this weekend against Southeast Missouri.

## Tankers to face two foes

By DON WHITE

Western's swimmers will compete against Vanderbilt tonight and Southeast Missouri tomorrow in Diddle Arena after coming off an easy dual-meet win against Centre Wednesday, night in Danville.

The meets this weekend will be the last for the Toppers before the Kentucky Intercollegiate Swimming Championships here Feb. 24-26.

Western recorded four individual double winners in beating Centre, 71-41. The win marked the seventh straight for Western against Centre and improved the Tops' dual-meet record this season to 6-3.

Mickay Roney won the 500- and 1000-yard freestyle, Steve Krigbaum took the 100- and

200 freestyle and Tracy Phillips took firsts in the 50-freestyle and the 200-backstroke.

Rick Kral won in both the one- and three-meter diving events. "Rick got half the way to the NCAA regional diving meet," said coach Bill Powell. "To qualify for the region a diver must score 430 points for 11 dives twice during the season. Last night Kral scored 448—his first time over 430 this season."

The meet against Vandy begins at 7 tonight. Western has never beaten the Commodores in five previous meets.

Vanderbilt's main strength is in the sprints, the backstroke events and diving.

Powell expects little trouble in beating Southeast Missouri Saturday. The meet is at 2 p.m.

## Gymnasts to compete in quad

By GARY MOORE

There was a song out a couple of years ago called "Be Thankful for Whatcha Got." Western's women's gymnastics coach Adele Hosmer might just be singing that song at the quadrangular meet at Morehead tomorrow night.

"Look at what I've got to go with," said Ms. Hosmer, pointing to four girls in practice. "That's it—the rest are hurt."

Two who are not only hurt but out for the season are Kim Knapp, who was injured during a halftime show at a basketball game Monday night; and Kathy Flannery.

"We'll barely have six girls competing in the meet," Ms. Hosmer said. "We're good but we're hurt."

Libby Goff, who has been injured much of the season, will be competing in only one or two events, according to Ms. Hosmer.

Scheduled for the quad are East Tennessee, Western Carolina and host Morehead.

"We don't know too much about them. But Morehead had had some problems with injuries, like us," Ms. Hosmer said.



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## Malibu Beach, Leisure Hut look devastating in IM play

By MARK SCHAFFLEIN

In men's independent league basketball action, a lot of games were one-sided as four teams won their second game in the winner's bracket.

Malibu Beach, one of the favorites to capture the independent championship, crushed Rapid Shooters, 52-12. In two games, Malibu Beach has an average winning spread of 28 points per game. Beach won championships in 1975 and 1976.

Another strong team, Leisure Hut, rolled over Missing Link this week, 63-18. In two games, Leisure Hut has outscored its opponents 121-39.

Contenders defeated Bad Company, 57-46, for their second win and now face Malibu Beach. The two will meet Feb. 23.

Checks advanced to third-round play with a 59-40 romp over Charlie Macke. They will play Mean Machine, which decisioned Deviants No. 2, 56-50. It was the first game for Mean Machine.

Four teams won in their first tournament appearances. Logan's Heroes whipped Trojans, 51-37; Bruins handed Nelson County (1-1) a 40-25 defeat; Swine Flew beat FNOC, 37-12, and Hilltopics beat the Cardinals 80-25.

The 55-point spread in the Hilltopics-Cardinals game is the widest margin of victory in tournament play this year. Hilltopics will play Leisure Hut on Feb. 23.

In sorority basketball, Phi Mu (2-1) won two games to advance to the championship game of the losers' bracket. In its first game, Phi Mu overwhelmed Chi Omega, 18-1. In the second game, Phi Mu beat Alpha Delta Pi, 19-11.

Earlier, Alpha Delta Pi won by forfeit over Kappa Delta. It was the second game this year that Kappa Delta forfeited.

In women's independent action, two teams from Central Hall will clash in one of the losers' bracket finals.

Central Hot Shots beat North-Bates, 31-29. Anita Jones hit some crucial baskets for the Hot Shots in the game. North-Bates earlier had posted a 17-15 win over McCormack. North-Bates finished with a 3-2 record.

Central Bouncers (3-1) got into the Feb. 16 showdown by defeating Bemis Lawrence, 33-12. Bemis finished at 2-2.

In intramural wrestling, the Wrestling Club won the team standings title, Lambda Chi Alpha placed second and Pi Kappa Alpha was third. Winners were: 134 pounds—Bill Burns of the Wrestling Club; 142—Jose Day, Sigma Phi Epsilon; 150—Mike Murphy, an independent; 158—Tim Hilder, Sigma Nu; 167—Tim Miluk, the Wrestling Club; 177—Brad Ford, Pi Kappa Alpha; 190—Tim Hooley, Lambda Chi, and heavyweight—Charley Hard. Lambda Chi.

Commenting on the tournament, Hooley, the 190-pound champion, said, "I was really happy to get a chance to wrestle. It was my first time on the mat in competition since high school."

In the men's bowling league, Delta Tau Delta defeated Alpha Kappa Psi, 3½-½. Gary Rosenbaum of Alpha Kappa Psi bowled the highest series of the week with a 536. Rosenbaum had the second highest score last week.

Alpha Gamma Rho crushed Phi Delta Theta, 4-0. Ricky Bundy rolled a 480 series for the losers.

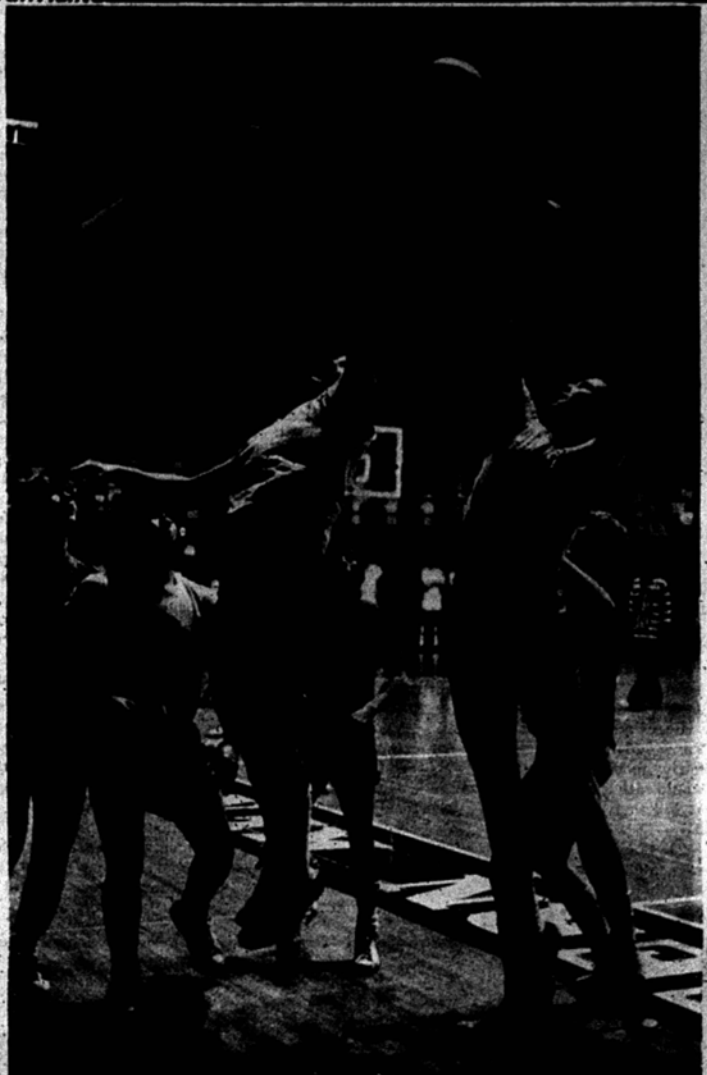


Photo by Steve Benson

Malibu Beach's Carlton Alexander (left) and Carmen Atchley of Straight Shooters battle for a rebound.

Rick Williams had a 471 for Alpha Gamma Rho. Gutter Madness beat Sigma Nu, 3-1. Brent Rich bowled a 490 series for Sigma Nu.

Two matches ended in a 2-2 tie. Lambda Chi and Sigma Chi ended up deadlocked. Keith Morris had a 454 for Sigma Chi. Chic Burkeen

had a 478 for Lambda Chi. Also, Poland tied Pi Kappa Phi.

Several participants in the 100 Mile Club have passed the midpoint. Biff Kummer already has run 71 miles, Carson Reagon has logged 54 miles and Larry Kittinger has completed 30 miles.



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# Too many seniors receiving honors?

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Last January, the Wall Street Journal reported that average undergraduate GPAs rose one-half a letter grade between 1960 and 1973.

While this could indicate that today's students are smarter than those of previous years, other factors show this to be unlikely.

The American Council on Education said last month that of this year's college freshmen, one in five (19.7 per cent) earned an "A" average in high school. This was an increase of 1.4 per cent over 1975 and 6.2 per cent over 1969. The number of freshmen with a "C" average declined from

32.5 per cent to only 19.8 per cent during this period.

Corts said he doesn't think grade inflation is the only reason for higher GPAs.

He said the College Level Examination Program (CLEP), which allows students to test out of areas in which they show proficiency, is also having an effect.

Corts said that before CLEP, students would become "bored to tears" with classes in which they already knew the material. He said they would often receive a low grade in the course because they weren't trying.

The problem isn't at what level of achievement a person should be honored, but the number that

should be honored.

"I've talked with people who were around when the present system was adopted, but no one seems to really know the rationale behind the specific numbers chosen," Corts said.

"I think it was designed this way because, at that time, a 3.3 GPA represented about 10 per cent of the graduating class," he said. "But it doesn't anymore."

When the council made its proposal in 1975, a GPA of 3.53 represented the top 15 per cent of the last graduating class, 3.74 represented the top 10 per cent and 3.88 represented the top 2 per cent. In considering the number of students the council felt should be recognized, the GPA numbers were rounded off and set accordingly.

Wozniak felt that setting a percentage scale based on the GPAs of the previous class would be the best solution.

He said that before graduation, the GPAs that fall in the chosen percentages could be figured and published so students could see where they stood.

Whatever solution the committee agrees upon, when the change would be implemented is another crucial question.

"Advance notice would be required to be fair about it," Corts said. "I would suggest at least a two-year span before the new policy takes effect, but the decision will be left up to the committee."

## Refrigerator plan gets mixed reaction

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Kit Huey, a sophomore from Nashville, said she didn't need the refrigerator. "Considering I already have a very large refrigerator, I don't want to pay for another. I guess it would be good for everybody else," she said.

Ron Farago, a freshman from Farmingdale, N.Y., called it "a fairly good idea," but said, "I would rather be able to rent mine at will than be forced to pay for it."

"I bought a refrigerator to save money and now they are installing refrigerators and raising the dorm fee," Penny

Hubbard, a junior from Michigan City, Ind., said.

Jane Conley, a freshman from Nashville, said she is glad refrigerators will be installed "because you don't have to go and pick them up."

"I don't mind the increase because I rent a refrigerator," she said. "But it's not fair to the people who already have a refrigerator."

Gayle Morris, a senior from Gallatin, Tenn., said one refrigerator per room is not enough since students need freezer space for ice and meats.

"It is a good idea if two are installed," she said. "One is not sufficient."

# weekend

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## Nightspots

The following artists will perform tonight and tomorrow, except as indicated:

Larry Dillard, Jim Buchanan, Terry Cope, Gary and Jeff Hayes, David Dye, Richard Halicks and Tip Shanklin will perform at the Catacombs, 1403 College St., at 9 tonight.

Jim Travis will sing at Ireland's, 1350 Adams St.

Wish will play hard rock at the Caribou, 511 E. 10th St.

David Reed will sing and play guitar at Mr. D's, 1138 College St.

Ed Dansereau will play piano at the Parakeet, 522 Morris Alley.

The Better Half will play at Manhattan Towers, 109 Old Louisville Road.

Jim Sutherland will play guitar at the Literary Club, 1709 U.S. 31-W By-Pass.

## Movies

Freebie and the Bean is at Center Theater in Downing University Center. The movie stars James Caan and Alan Arkin and is rated R.

Rollerball and The Killer Elite will be at Riverside Drive-In, 350 U.S. 31-W By-Pass. Both star James Caan. Rollerball is rated R and The Killer Elite is rated PG.

The Town that Dreaded Sundown is at State Theater, 929 College St. The film stars Ben Johnson and is rated R.

The Shaggy D.A. is at Martin Theater I in the Bowling Green Mall. Rated G.

Sentinel is at Martin Theater II. Rated R.

## Regent explains senate's role

Board of Regents chairman J. David Cole told the Faculty Senate yesterday that its role is to give advice to the regents on areas of senators' expertise.

Cole spoke to the senate to clarify the relationship between the two groups. The senate has the power to make recommendations to the regents.

The senate also passed two by-laws. One established a special election procedure to replace senators on sabbatical and those who must be absent for four or more meetings. The other specified that proposed by-laws must be submitted in writing at least two weeks before the regular meeting. The senate will meet at 3:10 p.m. March 10.

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